

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A system for contact services, the system including at least two contact devices, wherein each person who uses at least one of the contact services has an own contact device[[],] which comprises

~~characterized in that each contact device belonging to the system comprises:~~

means for storing at least one profile which describes the person and person's requirements,

a low-powered short-range transmitter for transmitting the person's profile to other persons' contact devices,

a receiver for receiving another persons' profiles from the another persons' contact devices,

means for comparing a profile received with the profile stored in the contact device,

means for personally adjusting matching percent which describes how similar the profiles compared have at least to result in signalling an alarm, and

means for signalling said alarm when the profiles match;

characterized in that the system further comprises a contact server and at least one profile mediator, each of which includes

a receiver for receiving profiles from the contact devices via their low-powered short-range transmitters and

a transmitter for transmitting the profiles received to the contact server, the said contact server including

a receiver for receiving the profiles sent from a profile mediator or the contact devices via their low-powered short-range transmitters,

means for storing the profiles received,

means for comparing the profiles stored and thus finding matching profiles, and

an essentially powerful transmitter for transmitting matching information to the contact devices.

2. (original) The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the contact device further comprises:

means for showing information in the contact device.

3. (original) The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the contact device further comprises:

means for encrypting and decrypting profiles.

4. canceled

5. (original) The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the contact device is adapted to use the Bluetooth technique.

6. (original) The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the low-powered short-range transmitter is able to transmit at most a distance of 10 meters.

7. (original) The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the profiles compared have a standardized form.

8. (original) The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the system further comprises:

means for creating profiles.

9. canceled

10. (currently amended) The system as described in claim [[9]] 1, characterized in that the contact device is adapted to receive other information than profiles from the contact server.

11. canceled

12. (original) The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the profile mediator is adapted to communicate bi-directionally with the contact server.

13. (original) The system as described in claim 1, characterized in that the system further includes at least one piece of equipment having the contact server's and profile mediator's functions, each said piece of equipment includes:

a receiver for receiving profiles,

means for storing the profiles received,

means for comparing the profiles stored and thus finding matching profiles, and

a transmitter for transmitting profiles.

14. (new) A system for contact services, the system including at least two contact devices, wherein each person who uses at least one of the contact services has an own contact device comprising:

means for storing at least one profile which describes the person and person's requirements;

a low-powered short-range transmitter for transmitting the person's profile to other persons' contact devices;

a receiver for receiving another persons' profiles from the another persons' contact devices;

means for comparing a profile received with the profile stored in the contact device;

means for personally adjusting matching percent which describes how similar the profiles compared have at least to result in signalling an alarm; and

means for signalling said alarm when the profiles match;

characterized in that the system further comprises a contact server and at least one profile mediator, each of which comprises:

a receiver for receiving profiles from the contact devices via their low-powered short-range transmitters; and

a transmitter for transmitting the profiles received to the contact server;

wherein said contact server comprises:

a receiver for receiving the profiles sent from at least one of said at least one profile mediator and the contact devices via said low-powered short-range transmitters;

means for storing the profiles received;

means for comparing the profiles stored and thus finding matching profiles; and

an essentially powerful transmitter for transmitting matching information to the contact devices;

wherein an entirety of the contact server is physically located within an area that allows for direct bi-directional communication between the contact server and the contact devices via the transmitter and the receiver included the contact server and each of the contact devices.